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GREAT U. S. FLEET SAILS FOR NEWPORT, MONSTER GUNS SALUTING WILSON

Crowds Lining the Shore in Thoughtful Mood As Giants of the Deep Are Swallowed in the Horizon Off New York Harbor.

FLETCHER'S FLAGSHIP WYOMING LEADS

President Aboard Mayflower Sees Five Mile Line of Fighting Craft Sail By At 14 Knot Speed, Crews At "Attention."

New York, May 18.—The big fleet of warships which has been at anchor in the Hudson river for 40 days, steamed out to sea at 11 o'clock today with President Wilson reviewing the five mile line as it passed the Mayflower off the Statue of Liberty.

Headed by the super dreadnaught Wyoming, Admiral Fletcher's flagship, the sixteen big battleships and their train of lesser fighting craft, steamed past the Presidential yacht at the speed of 14 knots, each ship with its salutes and marines standing at the rail at attention. Each craft, bearing the Mayflower, fired a Presidential salute of 21 guns.

Tens of thousands of persons, flocked to vantage points to view the great marine parade.

Traffic on the Hudson river was suspended between the Manhattan and New Jersey shores for half an hour before the fleet sailed.

The day was overcast but through the clouds the sun shone at intervals. The air was chill and a stiff breeze along the waterfront made overcoats comfortable.

Close by the Mayflower lay the Dolphin, the Ibis, and the Yankton, with government officials, members of the citizens' committee, newspapermen and invited guests aboard. Swinging at anchor the little reviewing squadron looked out across the water against a background that seemed to be the shadow of the Goddess of Liberty, in colorful contrast to the monotony of gray sea and sky.

There was little cheering in response to the bidding good-bye to the fleet, the crowds seemed to be in thoughtful mood.

Leaving New York, the fleet made for Newport, the rendezvous from which will be directed maneuvers in the war game along the Atlantic coast. The President and most of his party had arranged to return to Washington aboard the Mayflower.

When the signal was flashed from Admiral Fletcher's flagship, the Wyoming, to proceed to sea, the fleet was on shore hurried on board the various warships, as launches were swung up on davits and everything was stowed in preparation for the trip to Newport where the fleet was to rendezvous.

On shore thousands of spectators gathered to witness the spectacle.

The storm which had rendered uncomfortable the festivities of the President's review yesterday, had cleared away and there was a prospect that the farewell review might take place under clear skies. In order to give the battleships the advantage of an outgoing tide, the hour of departure had been changed from 9:30 a. m. until 11:45 a. m.

The fleet is due off Newport Wednesday to take up its part in the naval game which begins then. The Mayflower was to leave for Washington tonight.

DOE IMPALED ON SPKES OF HIGH CEMETERY FENCE

Many Stratford Folks See Plight of Beautiful Full Grown Specimen.

In full view of many Stratford people going to work early this morning a beautiful specimen of the deer tribe—a doe weighing 150 pounds—met death by being impaled on the high sharp-tipped iron fence of St. Michael's cemetery. The doe with a large buck were recently seen in the vicinity, having crossed the Housatonic river. This morning the pair had evidently tried to leap the cemetery fence when the doe became fast and the spikes sank deep into its side near the heart.

Game Warden A. J. Williamson with P. J. O'Loughlin, a butcher at 1937 Stratford avenue, went to the scene where they attempted to relieve the sufferings of the animal, which died shortly after their arrival.

With permission for the disposal of the carcass it is expected that city officials and members of the O'Loughlin council of venison eaters will soon have a succulent banquet.

OFFER 100 POUNDS FOR RECOVERY OF LUSITANIA BODY

Mother of Elizabeth Secombe at First Prostrated, is Much Improved.

Reward of 100 pounds, approximately \$500, has been offered by the family of Percy and Elizabeth Secombe, both of whom lost their lives on the Lusitania, for the recovery of the body of Elizabeth.

Percy's body was found. It was cremated yesterday in Ireland and today the ashes were shipped in an urn on board a steamer for America.

The urn containing the ashes will be buried in the grounds surrounding the family homestead in Peterboro, N. H., where lie the ashes of Will Secombe, who was shot three years ago by a Mexican.

Miss Sara Secombe, sister of the two who were lost on the torpedoed liner, returned to this city this morning and is now occupying her apartment at the Arden, on Warren street. She is in a highly nervous condition, both because of the fatality, and because of the fact that her mother collapsed with a cerebral hemorrhage when she received the news of the disaster.

Mrs. Secombe is improving. She was critically ill for many days but yesterday she had so recovered from the shock of the news that she was able to return to her profession in this city.

No trace of Elizabeth Secombe has been found by searchers and although the Secombe family is anxious to have her body recovered, they are not prepared to make any offer for it.

On instructions forwarded by the Cunard line officials, the young man's body was taken to a crematory and was reduced to ashes. They were lost sight of in an attempt to save her. The body of the young man was shipped aboard an American-bound vessel today.

The family is anxious to bury the ashes of Elizabeth and sister with those of the late Will Secombe on the estate of the Secombe family at Peterboro. For this reason, Melvin O. Adams, Boston legal counsel for the Secombe family, has sent an offer of 100 pounds reward to any person who shall find the body of Elizabeth.

The burial plot is near the home of the Secombe and is marked with a cross. Elizabeth Secombe, who was a construction engineer, is buried there.

The latter Secombe was supervising some work in a wild region in Lower California, when a Mexican, whom he had discharged, shot him in one of his legs. Blood poisoning developed and he died. His body was cremated and his ashes were taken to Peterboro.

WIDOW SEEKING TO RECOVER \$600 SHE GAVE BURR & KNAPP

Seeking to recover \$600 which she gave Burr & Knapp to place for her as a loan, Mrs. Charles Aberley of Lake Mohopoc, N. Y., appeared before Referee in Bankruptcy John W. Banks this morning. Attorney Thomas T. Hill of Carmel, N. Y., who appeared for Mrs. Aberley, said his client is a widow.

Last year she sent \$600 to Burr & Knapp which was to be placed as a loan by the Georgia Loan & Trust Co., which Burr & Knapp represented in this city. When the local bankers failed Mrs. Aberley didn't get either the loan or her money.

Her lawyer contended this morning the money was given Burr & Knapp as a trust fund. They were simply acting as transfer agents for the Georgia Loan & Trust Co. Attorney Hill said and had no right to keep the money. He wants Referee at the Old Bailey police court today to follow this a preferred claim against the Burr & Knapp estate. Referee Banks reserved decision.

London, May 18.—The trial on charges of alleged spying of Antonio Kueperle, who claims to be a naturalized American citizen residing at one time in Brooklyn, N. Y., opened before Lord Reading, Lord Chief Justice, and Justices Avery and Louis. Although it has been announced that the hearing would be in camera, the authorities decided at the last moment on a public trial and the courtroom was crowded with spectators.

The complaint alleges that the prisoner with the intention of assisting the enemy of Great Britain, feloniously attempted to communicate information respecting warships and military forces and material calculated to be useful to the enemy. The prosecution was conducted by the attorney general.

Kueperle pleaded not guilty. In opening the case the attorney general remarked that the prisoner had claimed to be an American but the prosecution contended that he is a German who had written a letter giving information concerning British warships and their positions in the Irish channel and the disposition of the King's forces. The letter appeared to be innocent commercial document until closely examined.

BURIED TREASURE WAS LOOT FROM PRIEST MURDER

Hunt in North End Was For Silver and Jewelry Stolen in New Britain.

CLUE GIVEN BY MAN AS HE WENT TO DEATH

Police Learn Mysterious Quest Originated With Murderer's Confession.

Loot of silver, jewels and valued ornaments stolen from the home of Father Zebria, the New Britain priest who was murdered with his housekeeper Eva Gilmartin, were buried in this city, it was learned today.

Peter Krakus, convicted of the murder of a policeman in Wilmington, Del., and charged with the murder of the priest and Mrs. Gilmartin, is believed to have secretly turned over to his lawyer plans showing where loot of the robbery was hidden in a vacant lot in Bridgeport.

Police connected the cases of the murder of the Wilmington policeman, the murder of the New Britain priest, the hanging of Krakus in Wilmington last week, and the search in this city last Friday for hidden treasure—all as one and to-day investigation is being made along these lines.

The mystery that surrounded all these events and the inexplicable circumstances connected with them baffled the detectives who have studied the cases until to-day when they hit upon the solution. According to their belief, many hitherto dark events are perfectly clear.

Several months ago, the home of Father Zebria was entered and he and his housekeeper were murdered, left lying on a floor and the house was looted. No solution of the mystery was procured until New Jersey police, working on the case of a policeman who had been shot in Wilmington, caught Peter Krakus and Bernard Montvid, men who had lived at various times in Bridgeport, Waterbury and New Britain, and charged them with murder.

Facts subsequently brought out led to the charge against them of the murder of the New Britain priest and Mrs. Gilmartin. Testimony offered showed their movements had been much in the neighborhood of the home of the priest.

It had been learned that Krakus and Montvid had told several persons they were going to Bridgeport. The date corresponds with that of the New Britain murder.

The police suspect Krakus and an accomplice looted the rectory, went to Bridgeport, located the vacant lot of M. H. Ford, at Huntington and Anson streets, and there buried the treasure. Krakus said in the dark when their movements were unobserved. It is believed a map was then carefully prepared, showing the exact location of the treasure.

Then another coincidence followed. Peter Krakus was hanged in Wilmington. The same day, David A. Reinhardt, former prosecuting attorney of Wilmington, came to this city with a map, said he had procured a confession from a man in prison, whose name had robbed many mansions in the east, and immediately went to the lot where policemen and workmen dug many hours for the treasure.

Montvid was then and is now in prison in Wilmington. On the scaffold, Krakus made the charge that policemen of many cities had participated on his gang, belonged to it, and collected blood money from the members. Krakus said he knew all about the New Britain murder, but Krakus did not.

The treasure has not been found. Some member of the gang with a duplicate of the map is believed to have come and dug it up. A place was found where lately a hole had been dug and the earth had then been replaced.

Attorney Reinhardt was not communicative when he was arrested and would not give any statement as from where the jewels were taken.

State Homeopathic Medical Society Elects Officers

New Haven, May 18.—George B. Evans, of Branford, was elected president of the Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Society at its 65th annual meeting here today. The other officers chosen were: Vice-president, E. L. Bestor, Hartford; secretary, Richard Blackmore, Farmington; treasurer, H. P. Sage, New Haven.

Levi P. Morton celebrated his 51st birthday in Washington.

HATTERS PREPARE TO PAY JUDGMENT OF \$300,000 FOR BOYCOTT

New York, May 18.—The special committee of the United Hatters of North America, in convention here, was preparing to-day its report on the question of meeting the judgment of approximately \$300,000 given to Loewe & Company, hat manufacturers, after an alleged boycott.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPLETES WORK AT STATE CAPITOL

Biennial Session Ends With Speeches By Governor and Senator McLean.

Hartford, May 18.—The legislative session of 1915 was adjourned sine die this afternoon in the general assembly building. The session was the shortest since the constitution. The Senate and House of Representatives had a joint session in the chamber of the House and received Governor Marcus H. Holcomb, who spoke briefly in a congratulatory vein, laying emphasis upon the fact that this session ends three weeks before the constitutional limitation, that it was the shortest session in recent years and that its accomplishments were attained through constant and hard work. High Sheriff Edward Dewey made the proclamation and Secretary of State Charles D. Barnes declared the January session at an end without day with the drop of the speaker's gavel.

This is the shortest session since biennial sessions began although that of 1887 adjourned finally on May 13. Governor Holcomb up to the present time has signed 261 public acts and 308 special acts, submitted one message and made one veto. The record for the sum total of legislation as a considerable number of bills have not yet reached the executive after engrossment. It is not believed there will be any record for the session.

Two years ago, when Governor Baldwin failed to sign a number of measures which reached him after the session adjourned, the record for the session was as follows:

Date	Public Acts	Special Acts
1905	221	400
1907	268	514
1909	261	495
1911	239	544
1913	241	437
1915	Incom-261	308

Gov. Holcomb, in addressing the joint convention said:

"Mr. President, Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the General Assembly. We are convened in joint convention for the final adjournment of the 1915 session of the General Assembly. Three weeks earlier than the constitution requires adjournment to be made. You have had a large volume of legislation to consider, much of it important. This session has been the shortest and busiest one of recent years but its brevity is due to hard and constant, rather than to hasty and hasty work."

"You have made a sincere, and I think a successful, effort to legislate wisely and because I have been satisfied that the legislation you have enacted was the result of fair investigation and that it expressed your deliberate conclusion, I have not felt required or justified in presenting executive objections thereto. In my message at the commencement of the session I said that I did not attempt to usurp your prerogatives or assume your responsibilities."

"I am pleased to acknowledge your unvarying courtesies to me during the session."

"Mr. Secretary, you will now adjourn the General Assembly."

An interesting incident was the visit of United States Senator George P. McLean to the House where he was introduced and spoke briefly. Afterwards, a recess was taken to give members an opportunity to shake the Senator's hand. Upon being introduced, Senator McLean said that he had introduced and spoke briefly. Afterwards, a recess was taken to give members an opportunity to shake the Senator's hand. Upon being introduced, Senator McLean said that he had introduced and spoke briefly.

Bridgeport Woman, Mrs. Samuel Gaylord, Is Dead in Colorado

Mrs. Charlotte M. Gaylord, formerly of this city, wife of Rev. Samuel Gaylord, who was pastor of the Olivet Congregational church, died last week in Colorado.

Mrs. Gaylord was born in Avon and was married to Rev. Mr. Gaylord, who was pastor of the West Avon Congregational church for many years, and later pastor of the same church. He died here December 31, 1884. After his death she went to live with her son, Clayton W. Gaylord, in Fort Collins, Col. She also leaves three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald and Miss Beale T. Gaylord of Pasadena, Cal., and Miss Lottie Gaylord, a teacher in St. Mary's School in Hawarden, Ia. She leaves a sister, Mrs. E. O. Higley of Canton; a brother, E. T. Woodford of West Avon, and her stepmother, Mrs. Julia M. Woodford of West Avon.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight; cloudy Wednesday; continued cool; moderate winds, mostly northwest.

HEPED VICTIM OF CRASH INTO HIS MOTORBOAT

Witness Tells Coroner Rockland Sailor Assisted Collision Victim.

WIDE DISCREPANCIES IN TESTIMONY TODAY

Survivor's Story Contradicted By Houston and Spectator Who Saw Crash.

Wide discrepancies in the stories told by principals and witnesses in the drowning of Ralph Bartlett in the Pequonnock river at 12 o'clock Sunday morning, when a canoe in which he was paddling was rammed and overturned by a motor boat driven by Captain C. E. Demmons and in which Mate Ole Houston of the schooner Brigadier, of Rockland, Me., was also sailing. Pullon declared to-day that he and his companion made every effort to get out of the way of the motor boat and that the men who were operating it deliberately changed their course apparently in an effort to run them down.

Captain Demmons and Houston both denied this. Both claimed that they did not see the canoe until they came around the bend in the river and then they said they made every possible effort to avoid striking the canoe. Pullon told the coroner that alone and unaided he climbed aboard the motor boat, took charge of it and kept it turning in circles looking for his companion in the water. Mate Houston claims that he assisted Pullon into the motor boat and that Captain Demmons stopped the engine and kept the boat where it was in an effort to pick up Bartlett.

Much of the testimony of Demmons and Houston regarding their efforts to avoid the canoe is substantiated by the story of Laurence E. Moran, tender of the Congress street draw bridge. Coroner Phelan accompanied by Captain Demmons and Mate Houston, who were in charge of Policemen George Norton and Clifford Gorgas went to the slip above the Crucible Co. dock this noon, where the coroner examined the motor boat. The coroner found that one of the pulleys through which the roller ropes run, had been torn from the side of the boat, which seems to bear out Captain Demmons' story that he could not make his boat answer her rudder and turn in time to avoid striking the canoe.

"There is no doubt in my mind that these men deliberately and intentionally made a mistake," said Pullon in answer to a question by Coroner Phelan. Later when telling his story Captain Demmons who was steering the motor boat declared that he was doing all in his power to avoid striking the canoe.

"We had been drinking," he said, "but I knew what I was doing. If the roller ropes had held we would have been all right."

Pullon who is a rather stout young man with milk brown hair and clear brown eyes told his story in a rather positive manner to the coroner. He did not hesitate over a reply to a single question and he seemed thoroughly convinced that Captain Demmons and Houston had deliberately run down his canoe.

"Why when I saw them coming for us I had Bartlett change the course," he said. "When we changed I looked around and they were still heading for us. I stood up and shouted at the top of my voice, 'What's the matter with you fellows? What are you trying to do, run us down?' They didn't answer and the next thing they struck us and we were filled up to the water."

"As we went over I reached out and caught hold of the side of their boat. I pulled myself on board. Captain Demmons was in the stern of the boat. The engine was still running. I told Captain Demmons to stop the engine but he didn't do it. Then I caught hold on the tiller and steered the boat around in a circle looking for Bartlett. I couldn't see him anywhere. I started to take off the motor but I missed the boat into the slip near the Crucible Co. dock and jumped into a row boat there. I rowed out again but I couldn't see any sign of Bartlett. It was so cold that I had to ask another man who came with me to give me his coat."

He said he was accustomed to paddling canoes that he had paddled them during rough weather from Fairfield beach to Lordship park without accident. He also said Bartlett had told him he had paddled canoes during rough weather on the Great Lakes where he had been a member of a canoe club. He said he and Bartlett paddled a canoe from Laurel beach to Bridgeport harbor during a severe spell of rough weather.

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ENGLISH ADMIRALTY IS SPLIT; VON BUELOW ON WAY HOME FROM ITALY

BLAME CARGO OF LUSITANIA FOR DISASTER

Reply of Germany to U. S. Note Is Expected By Thursday—Intimation of Contents Is Given.

Paris, May 18.—Germany's reply to the American note on the sinking of the Lusitania will be sent Thursday, according to the Matin's Amsterdam correspondent. The reply, the despatch says, will justify the attack on the steamer on the ground that the submarine commander has affirmed in his report that only one torpedo was fired, the second explosion being due to the fact that the ship carried munitions of war.

The report is said to state that the torpedo was fired in such a way the Lusitania would not have sunk if she had not had explosives aboard.

The Matin's correspondent says it is reported in Amsterdam that Germany will throw the responsibility for the disaster on England and on the American authorities who permitted passengers to embark on a ship carrying explosives. It is believed in Holland, the correspondent adds, that Germany will decline to modify its methods of submarine warfare.

ALLIES NOW TO USE GAS BOMB, SAYS KITCHENER

London, May 18.—Secretary for War Kitchener stated in the House of Lords this afternoon that the British and French government felt that the allied troops must be adequately protected against poisonous gases by the employment of similar methods. These weapons, he said, are enormous and unjustifiable advantage which must otherwise exist.

KING, THWARTED IN QUEST FOR \$3,000 JOB, IS PEEVISH

Fairfield Representative Expected To Be Assistant State's Attorney.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, May 18.—The last day of the legislature brought to light a story of a feud among the Republican members of the judiciary committee as a result of which it is said Representative Clitus King of Fairfield was deprived of a \$3,000 a year job as a special assistant to the attorney general.

Some time ago there was introduced a bill providing an assistant to the attorney general "for the purpose of collecting certain money due the state." The bill caused a row in the committee, it is understood, but finally was returned to the house with a favorable report. The House passed the bill without question. It was understood at the time that Representative King had clear sailing for the job.

But when the measure got to the Senate, Senator Isbell, chairman of the judiciary committee, who had opposed it from the start, succeeded in having it killed and then the row started.

According to gossip at the capital to-day Mr. King is "mad" clear through at the treatment the bill received. So far do his feelings go in the matter, it is reported, he refused to attend a dinner held by the judiciary committee at the Hartford Golf Club Monday. It is understood that Mr. King confided to his colleagues of the committee that he was not going to the dinner "if I wouldn't go to the dinner."

Mr. King was not at the dinner. Senator Isbell was.

Some of the passengers declare that the submarine discharged a torpedo at the Transylvania and that they saw a white streak of foam marking the course of the projectile. This is disputed by others, who say that such statements are imaginative.

Many of the passengers were below and knew nothing of the incident at the time. It is said that all who were on deck behaved with the greatest coolness.

Lifboats were prepared for immediate lowering on Saturday. Few of the passengers went to bed on the last night of the voyage.

Rome Hears That German Ambassador Already Has Left His Post on Secret Return to The Kaiser, and Awaits War.

ENGLISH ADMIRALTY ROW OVERSHADOWING

Victories of the French in La Basse Are Counter-Balanced By Russian Losses, in the Minds of London Observers.

London, May 18.—What looks like a cabinet crisis suddenly has been sprung on Great Britain. There has arisen what appears to be a rupture between the civil head of the admiralty, Winston Spencer Churchill and the lords of the admiralty, but particularly Lord Fisher, admiral of the fleet. As a result the possibility of material changes in the cabinet is being discussed. For the moment the situation holds the political field. All kinds of rumors are current but the ministers are not letting the facts out of the government offices.

The Times is among the London newspapers which this morning mention the fact that Lord Fisher has not attended the admiralty for the last two days and the rumors arising from this of friction between him and Mr. Churchill.

Editorially, the Times refers to these reports as confirming the popular impression of the government, like the nation, has reached the restless transitional stage.

"The government, presumably is anxious about the character of its own control of the war," the Times says, "which is being subjected to widespread and searching criticism both in public and private. At present the storm center seems to be the admiralty, but beyond this have mentioned facts all its rumor and, we trust and believe, unfounded rumor."

The editorial then goes on to refer in general terms to the dissatisfaction expressed in many quarters with Mr. Churchill, who is credited with assuming responsibility and overriding his expert advisers "to a degree which might at any time endanger the national safety."

The Times declines to express any definite opinion but it suggests it would be well to have a seaman at the head of the admiralty who would command popular approval and it thinks the only man for this post is Lord Fisher. The success of the offensive of the allies around La Basse is, in the opinion of British observers, balanced by the Russian reverse in the "Eastern arena of the war."

In southern Poland (the Russian confess to having been forced to retreat to a new line between the Pilean river and the upper Vistula). Consequently their whole plan of campaign may have been profoundly altered by the irresistible advance of the German allies.

The campaign has been compelled to abandon their movement in the westerly passes of the Carpathians, but they appear still to hold Uzok Pass, the main gateway to Hungary.

Emperor Nicholas of Russia, today again left Petrograd for the front, although which front has not been divulged.

The campaign so successfully launched in the past few days in the northern part of France, "it can be pushed home must have a most serious effect on the German lines. In the belief of British military circles, with the possible advent of Italian forces on the Austrian rear the argument is being advanced that there must be soon a relaxation of the German and Austrian pressure on the Russian front."

Italian Parliament Is Expected To Take Final Step Thursday

Rome, May 18.—The Italian parliament will be asked Thursday to vote only on a bill containing a single clause conferring plenary powers on the government, according to the Giornale D'Italia. Final action regarding war is not expected until after that time unless Austria makes the first move, which is considered unlikely in view of the speeches made in the Hungarian Diet.

Alarmist rumors of all kinds are being circulated in Rome. One report circulated today was to the effect that Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, already had left the city secretly.

Despatches from Trieste confirm previous reports that a revolutionary movement is in progress there and a state of siege has been declared. The presence of the military, however, has failed to prevent attempts at popular uprisings and demonstrations of hostility to Emperor Francis Joseph.

The automobiles of every member of the cabinet, with the exception of Premier Salandra, were commandeered to day by the army authorities. Former Premier Giolitti started today for his home in the village of Casavore, accompanied only by his son-in-law, Deputy Chiaravalle. Before leaving he expressed to friends the

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